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Liberal Democrats Haringey

Autumn 25 newsletter from your local Liberal Democrat team

The Official Opposition on Haringey Council

Crime and Policing concerns in Stroud Green

Increase in crime and less visible policing frequently raised in our resident survey

In our 2025 Stroud Green Residents' Survey, Crime and Policing came up as one of your biggest local concerns.

From our conversations with many of you, your Stroud Green Lib Dem team, **Miles Newby**, **David Vigoureux** and **Liz Whitlock**, are aware of an increase in certain crimes locally this year such as **burglaries**, and **thefts** from and of vehicles, as well as from people such as **phone-snatching**.

Drug-related crimes also continue to be an ongoing issue in certain parts of the ward, as is the **crash-for-cash** scam involving moped drivers.

Liberal Democrat councillor Pippa Connor chairing a past Haringey police and resident public meeting

We've raised these issues directly with the **Metropolitan Police** who acknowledge a rise in these types of crimes, and are pushing their senior team to tackle them here in Stroud Green and surrounding areas.

Stroud Green Lib Dem campaigner **David Vigoureux**, comments: *"Liberal Democrats will keep leading the call for increased funding, support, and resource for frontline policing, to allow more time spent on the beat and a stronger follow-up on all reported crimes."*

With the Labour Government and Mayor failing to properly fund the police, leaving a £260 million gap and cutting front counters, Haringey risks losing even more local presence.

The Liberal Democrats want to see stable, fair funding from central government, instead of passing the buck to local communities through council tax precept hikes.

The Liberal Democrats are calling for:

1. **Neighbourhood policing** prioritised with more 'bobbies on the beat'.
2. **Burglary and theft response guarantee**, so every instance is attended to.
3. **Proper funding of frontline policing**, paid for by scrapping costly Police & Crime Commissioners, not by cutting services.

If you've been affected by local crime or want to share your views, please get in touch.

Finsbury Park event concerns still need addressing

Stroud Green Liberal Democrats have renewed calls for Haringey Council to review the scale of events in Finsbury Park following a ruling from the High Court against Lambeth Council.

The ruling stated that events in public parks should only be allowed for up to 28 days before operators have to apply for planning permission; however Labour have allowed our local park to be used for large, festival-style events for well over this limit.

In response to a question from Lib Dem Councillor, Alessandra Rossetti, the Labour Cabinet Member confirmed that the council would need to review its legal position. However, she indicated the review will support *'ensure[ing] the event programme can continue in its current form'*, not on changing the council's position.

Liberal Democrat councillors are also investigating how permission granted to Festival Republic by Haringey Council for a week of overnight construction works, that caused significant disturbances to local residents, was agreed and if there were potential breaches of this agreement.

Stroud Green Lib Dem, Liz Whitlock, said: *"It's a pity that it has taken a High Court ruling to force Labour to act. Now we must ensure that their review focuses on them following the law, and that they don't keep allowing operators increased leniency which has a detrimental impact on local residents."*

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Haringey most complained about council for second consecutive year

Council named as England's 'most rotten' borough by The Standard

For the second year running, Haringey has been named England's worst-performing council for complaints. Last year, around two cases every three days were upheld by the Ombudsman, more per resident, than anywhere else in the country.

This isn't just embarrassing, it's a sign of a council that isn't listening. Labour-run Haringey has been warned before, but instead of improving, things keep getting worse.

And it doesn't stop there. The council is currently borrowing from the government to balance the books, and faces a looming budget black hole of up to £70 million, putting more pressure on already stretched services. Meanwhile they continue to plough ahead with their £70 million new Civic Centre council office redevelopment.

Your local Lib Dem team believes residents deserve a council that works efficiently and transparently, and most importantly: for you.

That means faster, fairer responses when problems arise, clear plans to improve services, and real accountability, so people don't have to battle for what's fair.

Local people deserve a council that works with them, not against them. It's time for change and people know that the Lib Dems are the only party that can beat Labour here in Haringey and get the fresh start we need.

2026 is a chance for a better, positive and efficient Haringey Council with the Liberal Democrats. Stable finances; residents the priority; and a party that not only listens to residents, but is ambitious for Haringey.

Liberal Democrats Nationally

Calling for a new UK-EU Customs Union

The Chancellor Rachel Reeves has finally admitted what we have long known - that the Conservatives' botched Brexit deal has done severe long-term damage to the UK economy.

Leader of the Liberal Democrats, Ed Davey MP, has called for the Government to listen to our calls for a bespoke new UK-EU customs union to cut red tape and ramp up trade with our European neighbours.

With the economy facing so many challenges, from Trump's tariffs to continuing high inflation, a new customs union with the EU would be one of the single biggest steps taken to boost British businesses.

You can support our campaign to turbocharge our economy by fixing Britain's trade, by signing our petition: www.libdems.org.uk/trade

Support for Young Carers & Carer's Allowance

Alison Bennett MP, Lib Dem Care and Carers Spokesperson, has secured changes to the Mental Health Bill to better support young carers whose parents have a mental illness. Meanwhile in the Lords, the Government has finally announced a timeline for a review into the Carer's Allowance overpayment scandal. Something the Lib Dems have long pushed for.

Our call for bank windfall tax to fund green homes

The Liberal Democrats have called for a windfall tax on bank profits which would raise £7 billion to fund green energy loans to insulate homes, slash energy bills and go green.

While households struggle with soaring costs, the move would help families cut bills and keep homes warm.

Civic Centre costs balloon to £70 million

Haringey's Labour-run Council are pressing ahead with their new Civic Centre office development, despite seeking a government bailout over their finances, and the project cost continuing to spiral from the original estimate of £24 million to now over £70 million.

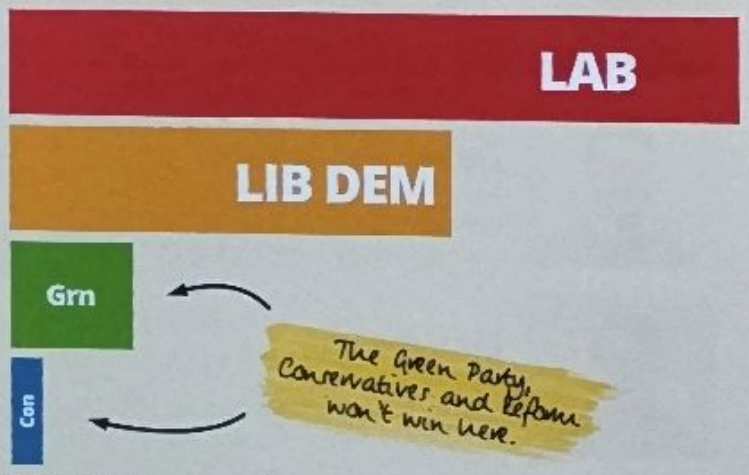
Opposition Liberal Democrat councillors have heavily criticised Labour's decision to build new offices for itself at a time when less workers are in the office and council budgets are stretched describing it as a *"vanity project"*.

The Lib Dems, whilst supporting the £12 million restoration of the current Civic building called for Labour to cancel their planned new annex offices to be built on the adjacent car park, saying the council's current office space in Wood Green, which recently had £10 million invested in it, should be retained to protect council finances.

The budget for the Civic Centre project has ballooned from its original figure of £24 million in 2021, to £54 million in 2022, and then £66 million in 2023. Latest figures now put the project at over £70 million, exceeding even the most recently approved budget. The council are therefore now having to try and rein in the project by £4.5 million to avoid a further budget increase.

It's Lib Dems or Labour here in Stroud Green!

You can vote for change in 2026, but only with the Lib Dems



Total number of votes by party here in Stroud Green at the last Local Elections.

People know that the Lib Dems are the only party that can beat Labour locally.

In Haringey, the numbers speak for themselves. At the last local elections, the **Greens** and **Conservatives** finished well behind here in **Stroud Green**, and **Reform** trailed even further at the 2024 General Election. None have a track record of action in Haringey, whilst the **Lib Dems** are known for being hard-working local champions.

Labour has run Haringey for over 50 years, and **residents are crying out for change**.

Next May, your vote for the **Lib Dems** will make the difference. A vote for any other party just hands Haringey back to Labour for more of the same.

You can vote for real change in 2026 by voting for the Liberal Democrats.

Get in touch

Our Haringey Lib Dem council group work alongside our local campaigners to help, and represent, you.

Our Haringey Lib Dem team are always here if you need them. If you are experiencing an issue, have a query or simply want to report something please get in touch:

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